IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: PEPTIDES

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EPSTEIN BARR VIRUS

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Amendment

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 8, 2003, it is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.